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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION OF AVP IN BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS RECEIVES
SERIOUS SETBACK

1. ALTHOUGH THE AKTIONSGEMEINSCHAFT VIERTE PARTEI (AVP)
SUBMITTED RESERVE LISTS FOR THE OCT 3 BUNDESTAG ELECTION,
THEY WERE REJECTED BY THE LAND VOTING AUTHORITIES IN
FOUR LAENDER (RHEINLAND-PFALZ, BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG,
NIEDERSACHSEN, AND HMBURB) BECAUSE THEY WERE RECEIVED
AFTER THE AUG 31 DEADLINE OR DID NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED
2,000 VALID SUPPORTIVE SIGNATURES. THE AVP HAS APPEALED
AGAINST THE REJECTIONS IN BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG, NIEDERSACHSEN
AND HAMBURG, AND A DECISION ON THE
APPEALS IS EXPECTED LATER THIS WEEK. THE AVP DECIDED
NOT TO APPEAL THE REJECTION OF THE RHEINLAND-PFALZ
LIST WHICH NOT ONLY WAS SUBMITTED LATE BUT ALSO WAS
FOUND TO CONTAIN FRAUDULENT SIGNATURES; A PRELIMINARY
INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE AUTHORITIES.

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2. THE VP NATIONAL BOARD MET AT FRANKFURT LAST WEEKEND AND VOTED (14-12 WITH ONE ABSTENTION) NOT TO PUT FORWARD CANDIDATES IN THE OCT 3 ELECTIONS IN ANY LAND UNLESS THE REJECTIONS ARE OVERTURNED ON APPEAL. THE AVP HESSIAN CHAIRMAN TELLS U THE NATIONAL BOARD WILL MEET AGAIN THIS COMING WEEKEND TO DECIDE WHETHER TO CONTINUE IN THE BUNDESTAG CAMPAIGN. (THE AVP IN HESSEN AHD VOTED LAST WEEKEND TO STAY IN THE CAMPAIGN.)

3. SEVERAL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HAVE NOTED THAT THE RESERVE LISTS WERE SUBMITTED ONLY MINUTES LATE IN RHEINLAND-PFALZ AND BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG WHICH GIVES SUBMITTAL TO CREATE A PRETEXT FOR WITHDRAWING FROM THE ELECTIONS. THE HESSIAN AVP CHAIRMAN SAYS THERE IS "NOTING TO THIS, ONLY SPECULATION AND RUMORS."BLAKE

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